

The lessons: overview (slide show)

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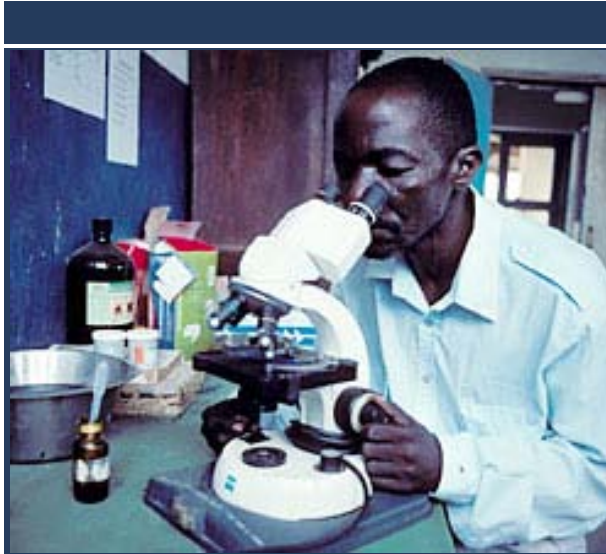
1. Invest in health systems



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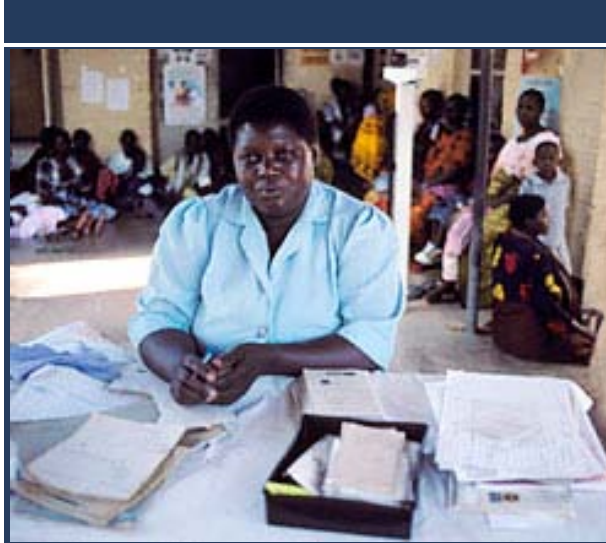
2. Fund research and development



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Funding research and development activities simultaneously produces multiple benefits. Foremost is that important research findings can be acted upon quickly.

3. Train and retrain



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Investments must be made to increase and improve human resources to implement health services: training and retraining are essential to success.

4. Build the infrastructure



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Significant amounts of money must be made available for the bricks and mortar aspects of health care: clinics, vehicles, and information and communication technologies.

5. Respect local priorities



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Health spending must respect and encourage local evidence-based priorities rather than the agendas of donors and other external actors. Data provided through sentinel population-based information systems can provide proof that programs and interventions are effective.

6. Design an exit strategy



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Projects such as TEHIP must be designed with an “exit strategy” in mind so that local ownership and buy-in, sustainability, and momentum help extend the influence of the project after it has ended.

7. Share lessons and experience



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Many of TEHIP's lessons and experiences are beginning to move beyond Rufiji and Morogoro to other districts in Tanzania and to other countries in Africa.